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QUOTE :

APART FROM OCCASIONAL RIFLE FIRE, ASMARA IS QUIET TODAY.
LAST NIGHT'S OUTBREAK OF HEAVYFIGHTING LASTED TWO HOURS
AND WAS FOCUSED ON THE AIRPORT AND THE ETHIOPIAN NAVAL COM-
MAND STATION AT ASMARA.

OUR CONSULATE GENERAL REPORTS THAT THE NUMBER OF INSURGENTS
INVOLVED IN LAST NIGHT'S FIGHTING WAS FEW DESPITE THE HEAVY
GUNFIRE. THE MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY IS AGAIN CUT OFF. OUR
CONSULATE GENERAL REPORTS THAT THE REMAINING 100 AMERICAN
CITIZENS IN ASMARA ARE APPREHENSIVE. THE UNOCCUPIED HOME
OF ONE CONSULATE GENERAL OFFICER WAS FOUND THIS MORNING
HEAVILY POCKED FROM GUNFIRE.

THE DELEGATION FROM SUDAN, CARRYING A MESSAGE FROM PRESI-
DENT JAFAAR EL-NIMEIRI HAS STILL NOT BEEN RECEIVED BY THE
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PROVISIONAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT (PMG) IN ADDIS ABABA.

THE ELF SECRETARY-GENERAL OSMAN SALEH SABI IN KUWAIT HAS

CALLED FOR A FOUR-POWER CONFERENCE (U.S., U.K., FRANCE, USSR) TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF ERITREA. SABI'S APPEAL CALLED ON THE U.S. TO IGNORE THE PMG'S REQUEST FOR MORE ARMS AND AMMUNITION. SABI FURTHER STATED THAT THE ELF WELCOMED THE SUDANESE MEDIATION BID AND REQUESTED THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY (OAU) TO INCLUDE THE ERITREA CRISIS ON THE AGENDA OF THEIR SCHEDULED MEETING IN ADDIS ABABA LATER THIS WEEK.

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